

Unit 12 - Caring For Resident When Death Is Imminent And Following Death

Terminology

1. **Critical** - a term used for residents that are dangerously or terminally ill.
2. **Denial** - a defense mechanism in which an occurrence or observation is refused recognition as reality in order to avoid anxiety or pain.
3. **Diaphoresis** - profuse sweating or perspiration.
4. **Morbid** - characterized by disease or abnormality.
5. **Postmortem** - after (post) death (mortem).
6. **Rigor mortis** - the stiffening of a dead body.
7. **Sacrament of the sick** - last rights given by a clergyman to a person who is terminally ill.
8. **Shroud** - drape used for postmortem care.
9. **Terminal illness** - an illness or injury for which there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.